

## Iowa County 4-H Awards & Scholarships

# APPLICATION REQUIREMENT CHECKLIST

To officially apply you need to fill out the google form by following the link below:

<https://forms.gle/aTyWS5MeouUPF8bu8>

The Iowa County 4-H program uses an application and interview process to support youth in building life skills as they pursue extraordinary 4-H opportunities and recognitions, including:

- **4-H Key Award** – Top award a WI 4-H Youth can receive (10<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> Gr)
- **4-H College Scholarships** – Funds for post-high school education (12<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> Gr)

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**Part 1 Application:** Youth must submit the following google form and depending on the experience the youth must complete a cover letter, resume, essay question, and collect recommendation letter(s).

**Part 2 Interview:** Youth applicants who are applying for the 4-H Key Award will participate in an interview with a small panel of 4-H adult volunteers and community members. Scholarships do not require an interview.

**\*IMPORTANT NOTE:** If the section does not apply to your application please skip.

If you have any questions please reach out to Dan Brandt, Iowa County 4-H Youth Development Educator at 608-930-9850 or by email at [dan.brandt@wisc.edu](mailto:dan.brandt@wisc.edu)

### **Section 2: Applicant Information**

In this section we ask for your identifying information.

Q1: First Name:

Q2: Last Name:

Q3: Birthday:

Q4: 4-H Club:

Q5: Phone Number:

### **Section 3: Key Award**

In this section you will apply for the 4-H Key Award. This award is the highest award a 4-H member can receive in Wisconsin 4-H. It recognizes members in 10th-13th grade who have shown consistent growth in their 4-H program, developed leadership abilities, and been helpful to other members in their club and community. Youth must have completed at least three years of 4-H club membership.

Award application materials **REQUIRED**: Cover Letter, Resume, Essay, 2 Recommendation Forms/Letters, Application Reflection, Interview Preference Form, and address the Iowa County Board of Supervisors.

**\*IMPORTANT NOTE**: If you are not applying for the 4-H Key Award, you can skip this section.

Q1: Please select agree below if you understand the above terms and you are authorizing yourself as applying for the 4-H Key Award.

**Scholarship application materials REQUIRED**: Cover Letter, Resume (1-2 pages), Essay (150-300 words), Recommendation Form/Letter, Application Reflection, and Interview Preference Form.

### **Section 4: Scholarships**

You will select below which scholarships you would like to apply for. Please be sure to read the requirements for each and then select your choice(s).

Scholarship application materials **REQUIRED**: Cover Letter, Resume, Essay, 2 Recommendation Forms/Letters, Application Reflection.

**\*IMPORTANT NOTE**: If you are not applying for a scholarship, you can skip this section.

#### **Q1: 4-H Adult Leaders Scholarships**

Applicants must be enrolled in Iowa County 4-H at the time of application, have been enrolled in Iowa County 4-H for at least three (3) years, graduating from 4-H, and be enrolled or planning to enroll at a university, college, or technical school during the upcoming academic school year. Applicants may only be awarded this scholarship once. Annually, there are scholarships available and awarded at the discretion of the interview committee.

#### **Q2: Shelly Osterndorff 4-H Scholarship**

Shelly Osterndorff dedicated over twenty-two years to Iowa County 4-H, serving as a club leader for the Rewey Lucky Stars 4-H club and in multiple positions within the Leaders Association. Shelly had a passion for agriculture and an even greater love for 4-H where she enjoyed watching and teaching every 4-H member she met. Shelly's family and the Rewey Lucky Stars 4-H club are honored to present a scholarship in her memory.

Applicants must be enrolled in the Iowa County 4-H at the time of application either as a current senior or graduating member. Applicants must be enrolled in Iowa County 4-H for at least three (3) years and be enrolled or planning to enroll at a university, college, or technical school during the upcoming academic year. Annually, the scholarships available and awarded are at the discretion of the Osterndorff family/Rewey Lucky Stars Leaders.

### **Section 5: Essay Question**

In this section you will answer the essay question please keep it between 150-300 words.

\*IMPORTANT NOTE: If you are applying for a trip experience, you can skip this section as you have already answered the trip essay question above. If you are applying for the Key Award or a scholarship this section is REQUIRED be filled out.

Q1: Essay Question:

4-H youth learn important life skills through involvement in their 4-H clubs, projects, and groups, such as problem solving, responsibility, empathy, and leadership. What life skills has 4-H enabled you to learn and practice? How will these skills help you in the future, whether in school or work?

### **Section 6: Cover Letter & Resume**

In this section you will upload your cover letter and resume. Please make sure to have your file saved as a PDF for upload as this will keep all your formatting in the correct space.

\*IMPORTANT NOTE: If you are applying for the Key Award or a scholarship this section must be filled out. If you are applying for a trip experience the cover letter and resume ***are required*** for: Advanced Space Camp, Citizenship Washington Focus, National 4-H Conference, National 4-H Congress, and American Spirit East.

A cover letter and resume are ***NOT*** needed for: Space Camp, Fall Forum, or Summer Academy. If you are applying for one of these three you may skip this section.

### **Section 7: Recommendation Forms**

Two recommendation forms must be completed on your behalf.

Please copy and paste and then send the google form link below to the person you are asking to complete the recommendation for you:

<https://forms.gle/wD3NH8YnPE5f35rCA>

OR

If your recommender would prefer to give their recommendation over the phone, please provide their name and phone number below.

The 4-H Educator will contact them directly — please make sure to let them know they will be receiving a call.

\*IMPORTANT NOTE: Recommendations cannot be completed by a parent or relative.

Q1: Recommender Name (First, Last)

Q2: Recommender Phone Number (xxx-xxx-xxxx)

Q3: Recommender Relation to you (ie. Club Leader, Teacher, Coach, etc.)

### **Section 8: Application Reflection**

In this section we ask for your feedback about the application process.

\*IMPORTANT NOTE: This section is required of all applicants.

Q1: As a result of constructing my cover letter, resume, and essay, I: (check all that apply)

☐ learned more about myself *(If checked, list at least one thing that you have learned):*

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☐ better understand why I'm in 4-H

☐ better understand what skills I have gained from 4-H

☐ better understand how to develop a resume

☐ will set higher project goals this year

☐ will take on a new 4-H challenge this year

☐ Other(s):

Q2: If you answered "other" above, please tell us about it below.

Q3: What is the most helpful or valuable part of this application process?

Q4: What ideas do you have for improving this application process?

### **Section 9: Interview Schedule**

In this section you will fill out your availability for an interview time.

\*IMPORTANT NOTE: If you are applying for the Key Award or a trip experience, face-to-face interviews are required, and this section must be filled out.

If you are applying for a scholarship, you may skip this section.

Q1: Please identify your top four preferences for interview times (ie. 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th), Face-to-face interviews are required. Please select from the following options:

5:30pm

6:15pm

5:45pm

6:30pm

6:00pm

6:45pm

Q2: Please indicate if there is any time you could NOT interview. Thank you.

